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With this issue the Mist enters upon its thirty-fifth volume. It ranks among the oldest papers of the state, and besides this, few, very few, country weekly papers in the state equal the Mist in the amount of home news published in every issue. The front page alone contains as many "ems" in news as most of the country weeklies publish in their entire issue.

This Mist is pleased to be classed among the pioneers of Columbia county. It has been identified with every public enterprise advocated since its founding, and has done its part toward bringing about the results desired. It is still anxious to lend its assistance to any and all enterprises that will result in good, not only socially and morally, but financially as well.

The Mist is strictly a home paper and aims to give all the news and all the time for all Columbia county, and this is why the Mist is absolutely a necessity in every home in Columbia county. The home without it is unfortunate and is several degrees in the rear of the procession when it comes to knowledge of what "we and our neighbors" are doing.

While the Mist is all that is claimed for it in this article, it is the intention to make it still more attractive the coming year by adding new features that are in contemplation.

We take this occasion to wish all our readers a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

## THE BIBLE IN THE SCHOOL

At the M. E. church Sunday evening, Rev. Sandifur talked upon "The Church in Relation to the Public Schools," and advocated the adoption of the Gary system by the schools of St. Helens.

This topic is of vital interest to the citizenship of our republic, and withal so new for this part of the dominion that it seems a long way in the future. Still, why not take hold of the matter at once and see what can be done. Why wait for other western states to adopt a plan and then fall in line? St. Helens might as well lead the procession.

Some of the schools in our sister state, Washington, have adopted the Gary system and find it an excellent solution of the "church in relation to the schools" problem. While smaller places find it one of the things for which they have long sought.

New York, the great metropolis, is trying it out in very satisfactory. For years the teaching of the Bible in schools has been spasmodically agitated and dropped, as no method could be found to suit all religions, each one contending that the instruction would be of a denominational nature and along sectional lines.

Rev. Gary of Indiana, finally solved the problem and evolved what is known as the "Gary System," a teaching of the Bible in the schools, non-sectarian and eliminating dogma or creeds.

As Rev. Sandifur was a classmate of Rev. Gary, and has made some study of the subject, his discussion of the system may be used to advantage.

To adopt the Bible as a study and give one hour each day, or to begin, every other day or once a week, for this subject, the pupils to be given credit for this the same as any study. The pupils to each go to their own church for instruction at the appointed hour and where they are only starting and have no class room or special teacher. In most cases the pastor will give him time for the work, as it is along his line of work among the young people and children.

There is no more important study than that of the Bible and no book of which our children are more ignorant. It has been generally left for the preacher and older ones. Why have the old ancient histories, mythology and other ologies been placed ahead of the Bible in our schools? There is no more beautiful language, no more interesting history in any book. The Commandments, Sermon on the Mount, and the thousand and more good things to be found, comprise a study far above any in the world, and where a system has been evolved whereby this can be given to the young, would be a better way to train them in the paths they should go, than to have evangelistic services once a year to bring the young people back to the church.

The protestant religion is more neglected in this respect than any other. Why? The Catholic, Lutheran and Jewish people have special training from infancy.

There seems to have been a prevailing feeling that the Bible study was for a lot of old women and a few old men, and for the young people up to date, to ridicule. When allowed to study for themselves, they either do not understand or get a wrong impression, and the reading is dry. A proper, systematic study of the Bible, needs nothing to be eliminated, since light and understanding of the book of all books furnishes the knowledge whereby the young may begin early in life to work out their own salvation.

If our boys and girls upon entering college were equipped with a knowledge of the Bible, they would not be swayed by so many conflicting theories, views and personalities, as

they are at present. A large per cent of the college graduates leave school with a skepticism which might have been avoided had they been fortified by a knowledge of the foundation of Christianity, right living, right thinking and spiritual guidance to be found in the Bible and no place else.

Rev. Sandifur called upon any who were interested in the subject to come to him for information. We would like to see the Gary system tried out in the St. Helens schools, with such broad minded and able men as Revs. Sandifur and Foster as instructors.

## STATE TEXT BOOKS AGAIN

State Printer Lawrence has thrust upon the unsuspecting public the proposition of the state printing its own school books. It may give employment to a great many printers, and that is about all the good that can be said of the proposition.

Instead of a saving of fifty per cent in the cost of school books, it will add to the burden of taxpayers, furnish good fat offices for a few favorites and what is equally as grievous, the children of the state will be furnished with an inferior grade of school books when they are entitled to the very best.

Those states that have attempted to publish their own school books have made a failure of it, besides squandering thousands of dollars in the experiment.

California has made a failure of it. While that state is credited with the publication of their own books, many of them were printed from leased plates, and others were printed in the East and only the binding performed in the state.

While we are in favor of keeping every possible dollar at home, we do not believe in saddling an expense on the people without getting adequate returns. The great school book publishing houses are in hostile competition for the reason that the house furnishing the best book is the one adopted by those in authority. They employ the ablest educators procurable and at a fabulous salary, in their efforts to excel. And every book published is copyrighted, which fully protects the use of their own matter.

It would be useless to attempt state publication of school books under an appropriation of \$100,000, with an additional appropriation at the next biennial session for the usual deficit.

It is an ill wind that blows no good. Anton Gerner, a dry cleaner of Parsons, Kan., through error last February, ordered 100 gallons instead of ten gallons of carbon tetrachloride. The price was \$1.20 a gallon. He tried to persuade the drug company to take back the extra 90 gallons, but it refused, and he figured he had lost more than \$100 in the transaction. The war in the meantime caused the price of the chemical to soar, and Friday the concern of which he bought the order paid \$30.15 a gallon to him for the 90 gallons it had refused. Gerner's profit was more than \$2500.

America's note to Austria on Ancona was practically an ultimatum, it was learned on high authority at Washington. It was stated that this country has placed herself in a position to sever diplomatic relations with Vienna if Austria does not accede to demands. The demands of the note to Austria are very strong and an immediate reply is requested. What are their exact nature cannot be learned, but it is understood that one feature requires the captain of the submarine which sank the Ancona be held to strict accountability for the act.

W. H. Taft will never be president again for the reason that he advocates the abolishment of the office of postmaster. He is of the opinion that all the postmaster does in offices of the first and second class is to draw their salaries. The chief clerk and helpers perform all the work, hence the advocacy of the abolishment of the P. M.

Lady Pontiac Johanna, a cow valued at \$20,000, has just broken the world's record for butter production by yielding 658 pounds of milk in one week from which was made 41.81 pounds of butter. This eclipses the former butter record by 5 3/4 pounds. Lady Pontiac Johanna is owned by Oliver Cabana, Jr., of Buffalo.

The faculty of McMinnville college has unanimously adopted the following resolution: "Intercollegiate football is a source of evil, is not a good advertiser and does not encourage friendly relations between schools." Poor old McMinnville.

The Republican national convention will be held in Chicago, June 7th. The Democratic national convention will be held in St. Louis one week later.

Senator Chamberlain has introduced a bill in the U. S. senate to make military training compulsory for all boys between the ages of 12 and 23 years.

"Punch, brothers, punch, punch with care, punch in the presence of the confectionaire." All punch boards ordered out with the present year.

In your invocations for "peace on earth, good will to men," do not forget to pray for the warring Methodists of Portland.

The customary New Year resolution to board the water wagon will not be necessary. The water wagon will call for you.

It looks like peace will be declared in Mexico. Villa has given up his command and is fleeing from the wrath to come.

Seven more days and then the drouth.

## OREGON DEVELOPMENT LEAGUE

Booster Meeting to Be Held in Portland December 31.

The meeting for the reorganization of the Oregon Development League will be held on December 31, immediately following the session of the Oregon Irrigation Congress. It is fully expected that many of the delegates to the congress will remain and participate in the deliberations at the league meeting.

In fact, the two are so closely allied that we would urge the irrigation delegates to remain for the Friday meeting.

On Thursday evening the Chamber of Commerce will give a banquet to both the Irrigation Congress and the Development League delegates, at which time prominent speakers will be present to discuss development features.

Arrangements for the banquet must necessarily be made in advance so we may know about how many to provide for.

St. Helens should send a good delegation of energetic men. As the regular meeting of the Commercial Club will not be held until the first Thursday in January, would it not be well to call a special meeting, or the chairman could appoint those who will agree to attend. St. Helens should be identified with this booster organization.

## FARMERS' WEEK FOR OREGON FARMERS

Progressive Ideas for Progressive Men at O. A. C.

More people than ever assembled in Oregon to consider means of improving agricultural, home-making and related affairs are expected to attend the annual Farmers' and Conference Week at Corvallis, January 3 to 8, inclusive. There were more than 2200 in attendance at last year's sessions and the majority of those intend to return this year and add as many others to their delegations as they can. Also the conference idea has been strengthened by experience and observation, so that the coming conferences have been materially enlarged both in scope and character.

There will be about a score of separate conferences held by those engaged in special phases of industry or business in Oregon, which will call for about three for each day of the week. Each conference will be held under the supervision of the college specialist who has the subject in his department work, and at each address will be made by some of the leading men and women of Oregon and of the entire United States, including several representatives of the United States Department of Agriculture.

## LIST OF TRANSFERS.

Reported by Columbia County Abstract Company.  
December 8—Nels Carlsen, Adm., to Olga Carlsen; lot 18, Blk. 2, Columbia Park Addn., \$41.30.  
Mary D. Copeland to Erik Backlund et ux; tract 13, Mountain View, \$1250.

Dec. 9—C. M. Collins to R. V. Sluman and W. R. Harris; lots 6 and 17, Blk. 2, Rose Hill, \$150.

R. V. Sluman et al to H. Morgus; lots 6 and 17, Blk. 2, Rose Hill, \$75.

Emma Johnson to Reinhart Johnson; lots 5 and 6, Blk. 9, Blanchard Addn. to Rainier, \$1.00.

Reinhart Johnson to Klaus K. Foshaug; lots 5 and 6, Blk. 9, Blanchard Addn. to Rainier, \$1.00.

Dec. 10—Oregon Lumber Co. to Max Paul Horn et ux; land in Sec. 18, T. 7 N., R. 3 W., \$3260.

Laura W. Baxter et ux to Edmond C. Giltner et al; part of lot 4, Blk. "B," Giltner's Addn. to Columbia City, \$1.00.

Dec. 11—Andrew Mattila et ux to Matt Hackett et ux; land in Sec. 18, T. 7 N., R. 3 W.

Parker Stennick et ux to Patterson Lumber Co.; land in Harris D. L. C., \$10.00.

Dec. 13—Col. Co. Investment Co. to Ernest G. Jones et al; tract 91, Beaver Homes, \$475.00.

Elizabeth Fluhrer et ux to Jacob Tolva; land in Sec. 24, T. 8 N., R. 4 W., \$300.00.

Dec. 14—Isaac Isachsen et ux to Ole Erickson; land in Sec. 31, T. 7 N., R. 3 W., \$1.00.

Henry Kratz et al to Antonette E. Eastman; tract 27, Haven Acres, \$236.00.

Antonette E. Eastman et ux to Arthur R. Eastman; tract 27, Haven Acres, \$10.00.

Antonette E. Eastman et ux to Arthur R. Eastman; land in Sec. 8, T. 7 N., R. 4 W., \$1.00.

Chas. Johnson to Frank C. Campbell et al; land in Sec. 6, T. 7 N., R. 4 W., \$200.00.

The Oregonian says the richest man in Oregon has an annual income of \$300,000 to \$400,000, but does not give his name. Glad the report did not give us away.

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